

G(eorge) Miles Conrad (1911–1964)

Symposium on Information Science

Dedication

Publication of the following nine papers is dedicated to G(eorge) Miles Conrad, one of the speakers at the Symposium on Information Science held at the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology, Washington, D.C., 4 May 1964, under the auspices of the Division of Agricultural and Industrial Microbiology.

Mr. Conrad's professional career was diverse in its elements, intense and continuous in its growth, and so consistent in its objectives that he became a world leader in the surging development of information science. He was a university lecturer, museum curator, technical editor, library documentation specialist, and finally Director and Trustee of Biological Abstracts. The several steps of his distinguished career are marked by far-reaching motivational influences on national and international information science programs. His approximately 225 publications include scientific research articles in comparative anatomy, ichthyology, paleontology, polar biology, documentation, and numerous special administrative studies and reports. Some 15 national scientific societies and associations benefitted directly from his efforts as a fellow, chairman of committees, director, secretary, or president. His work with the American Standards Association, Office of Critical Tables of the National Research Council, U.S. Public Health Service, and the National Medical Library warrent special mention. He was equally productive in his perennial activities in international scientific programs, International Council of Scientific Unions, Abstracting Board 1955–1963; representative of the National Federation of Scientific and Indexing Services to VINITI (1959), and to Japan (1961–1963); representative for establishment of the Latin American Liaison Office for *Biological Abstracts* in Mexico, 1962; and Chairman, UNESCO Working Party on Scientific Publications, 1963.

He served on four distant marine expeditions for the American Museum of Natural History, won a Bronze Star Medal during 2 years of service in U.S. Army in the China-Burma-India Theater, and a Conspicuous Service Cross from the State of New York.

Despite these many activities and accomplishments, he always found time to be a friendly and helpful associate and an inspiration to others.

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